MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I said that the complication was regarding the acquisition of the land and the payment of compensation for such land. The question of completing the canal has been under consideration for a long time ; and there are parties for and against it as the honourable member must have heard on the floor of this House.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether Government propose to complete the canal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is a question of future action.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether the expenditure incurred on the canal so far is commensurate with its usefulness ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If I am to give my personal opinion I should say no.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether Government consider it worthwhile to complete the work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I do not think Government consider it worthwhile at present to complete the work.

Veterinary Hospitals.

230. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of veterinary hospitals in the State maintained by the Government ;

(*b*) the places where those hospitals are maintained ;

(*c*) whether there is a veterinary hospital at Alleppey ;

(*d*) if so, who the doctor in charge of it at present is ;

(*e*) the number of cases treated in the hospital in the last two years (1110 and 1111) ; and

(*f*) the number recovered and the number died, respectively, in these two years ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Fifteen hospitals and dispensaries.

(*b*) Nagercoil, Tuckalay, Kuzhithurai, Neyyattinkara (temporary), Trivandrum, Attingal, Quilon, Shencotta, Mavelikara, Tiruvalla, Alleppey, Kottayam, Meenachil, Perumbavoor and Paravur.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Mr. B. Janardhana Aiyar.

(*e*) 1,600 in 1110 and 2,147 in 1111.

(*f*) Number of cases recovered in 1110 was 1,590 and that in 1111 was 2,139. The number died was 10 and 8, respectively.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know whether it is the doctor or the compounder who examines the animals ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Either the doctor or the compounder. The compounder will examine the minor cases.

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MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether in spite of the presence of the doctor, the compounders alone examine the animals?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): In those cases, it might be quite enough if the compounder examines them.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether there is any rule prohibiting veterinary officers from going outside and examining cases?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They are also expected to go outside and examine cases.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether doctors are refusing to go outside and attend cases?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Do the rules allow these doctors to attend on human cases?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The rules do not say anything in the matter. If a human patient prefers to be treated by a veterinary doctor, I do not believe there is any law preventing such a choice.

Waiting Shed at the Changanachery Boat Jetty.

231. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether an estimate for a waiting shed at the Changanachery Boat Jetty has been called for;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the estimate has been received; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken upon it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Circular No. 1770 dated 22-5-1928 issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

232. * MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the Circular No. 1770, dated 22-5-1928, issued by the Director of Public Instruction sanctioning the raising of the salary of the peons in all the Vernacular Middle Schools in the State from Rs. 8 to Rs. 9-1/6-11;

(*b*) the steps taken hitherto in pursuance of the said circular;

(*c*) whether the above circular was given effect to; and

(*d*) if the answers to (*b*) and (*c*) are in the negative, the reasons for the same?

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